Faculty/Staff Spotlight

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Research Interests: Literature, Creative Writing, Poetry, Fiction, Speculative Literature, Fantasy, Comedy

Hobbies: Writing, Netflix, Badminton

Advice for Transfer Students: "Find an on-campus job ASAP, preferably at place like the Campus Community Centers, Basic Needs Hub, Academic Integrity Office, OASIS, Library (i.e a team environment). On-campus work means you are pre-committed to working with staff (mentors) and student leaders (peers). Finding community is key. You'll also be pre-committed to developing your professional, leadership and communication skills. The extra money is nice too."